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Secretary, C. H. BRUNNER.
Recording Secretary, C. W. STINE.
Statistical Secretary, J. G. SHIREMAN.
Financial Secretary, J. F. BARRALL.
Treasurer, ALLEN M. GEHMAN.

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Chairman, H. B. MUSSELMAN. Secretary, C. H. BRUNNER.
Treasurer, ALLEN M. GEHMAN.

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BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN
Vice Presiding Elder—J. C. ROTH
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN
Vice Presiding Elder—C. H. BRUNNER
Missionary Presiding Elder—W. B. MUSSELMAN.

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Committee over the Presiding Elders—W. S. HOTTEL, J. G. SHIREMAN, E. N. CASSEL.

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Beneficiary Society—President, J. C. ROTH; Secretary, W. S. HOTTEL; Treasurer, J. F. BARRALL.

Conference Fund—Secretary, J. G. SHIREMAN; Treasurer, W. J. FRETZ.

Camp Meeting Equipment Fund—Secretary, J. F. BARRALL; Treasurer, ALLEN M. GEHMAN.

Gospel Herald Society—W. G. GEHMAN, President and Treasurer.

Gospel Worker Society—W. B. MUSSELMAN, General Superintendent and Treasurer.

BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows : From 8 to 11.30 a.m., and from 1 to 5 p.m.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference adjourned, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll, and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows :

(a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business-
(d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

COMMITTEES.

The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Conference :

1. Committee on Worship.
2. Committee on Communication.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Statistics.
5. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.
6. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.
7. Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.
8. Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.
9. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.
10. Committee on Resolutions.
11. Auditing Committee.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
2. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.
3. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
4. Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Executive Board.
6. Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.
7. Board of Deacons.
8. Camp Meeting Equipage Committee.

SPECIAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

We print here from the Records for convenient reference the following Laws and Regulations, together with the time of their enactment.

I.—MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

A.—The following shall be the members of the Annual Conference :

- (a) Ordained Ministers.
- (b) Probationers who have charge.
- (c) One delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Quarterly Conference in the Conference year. [Act of General Conference, 1892.]
- (d) Each Quarterly Conference shall elect one Alternate Delegate to the Annual Conference. [Enacted March 7, 1898.]
- (e) It is requested that all the members of the Annual Conference shall be present at each session. In case of absence they shall submit a written report and cause of absence. [Enacted February 3, 1892.]
- (f) If a delegate fails to be present at the beginning of the Annual Conference session, except detained through sickness or accident, the Conference is not bound to recognize him as a member. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]
- (g) The delegates from the Missions who expect support from the Conference shall not be members of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

B.—Advisory Members.

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference :

- (a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists and Missionaries.
- (b) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.
- (c) Local Workers. [Enacted February 7, 1896.]

II.—APPLICANTS AND PROBATIONERS.

A.—No applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee or Gospel Herald Society. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

B.—All applicants for the Ministry shall be examined by their respective Presiding Elders on our Articles of Faith and Church Discipline at the same time and place when the Probationers are examined on the Reading Course. [Enacted February 8, 1893.]

C.—The Annual Lessons for Probationers on the Reading Course for each class shall be divided into two parts. Probationers shall be examined semi-annually by a written examination by a committee to be appointed annually by the Annual Conference for this purpose. [Enacted February 1, 1895.]

D.—The traveling and other expenses of the Reading Course Committee and Probationers at the spring examination shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Enacted October, 1906.]

E.—No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in line with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. [Enacted February 3, 1890.]

III.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RULES.

A.—Each Pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

B.—The Presiding Elder shall nominate the Secretaries of the Quarterly Conferences and the Quarterly Conferences shall elect them. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

C.—All officers of Quarterly Conference who are absent from Quarterly Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the next time without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, they shall be removed from office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

D.—We will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers to travel as Evangelists, except by permission of the Annual Conference [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

E.—The classes shall elect no ministers to any office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

F.—No person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class Leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

G.—The class leaders and stewards shall be elected shortly before, and their term of office begin immediately after, the last Quarterly Conference. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

H.—The Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to October 1. In case a pastor is changed his allowances shall end with the month of September. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

I.—The former pastor shall see that the rent is paid for the month of October before he moves from his charge. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

J.—The pastors shall leave their former charge as soon as possible after Conference. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

IV.—OFFERINGS.

A.—Foreign Missions, Harvest Home.—Each Pastor shall continue to hold a Harvest Home Service at each appointment annually, and speak on Foreign Missionary Work. These services shall be held soon after the Annual Conference, and a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be taken on the occasion, to be collected before February 1st. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]*

B.—Missionary Day.—The Pastor shall see that the Superintendent of each Sunday School appoint a "Missionary Day" annually. In this service the necessity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed upon the minds of the children, and a collection taken up for the same. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

C.—Missionary Presiding Elder.—Each class shall lift a free will offering for the Missionary Presiding Elder every Quarter. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

D.—Gospel Workers.—A free will offering shall be lifted for the Gospel Workers in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

E.—Beneficiary Fund.—We recommend each Pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of our deceased pastors. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

*NOTE. The members of our Church shall be respectfully recommended to forward their funds for the Foreign Missionaries through the Foreign Missionary Board and not to the missionaries directly, which would lessen or cause to neglect their contributions in the direct channel provided by Conference for the support pledged to our respective missionaries.

F.—Poor Fund.—The Pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Special Service at each appointment, on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. All moneys collected for charitable purposes, not paid over to the Treasurer of the Poor Fund, shall be included in the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

G.—Conference Fund.—An offering shall be lifted once a year in a prayer meeting, in each class by their respective class-leaders for the Conference Fund. The pastor in charge shall bring the same to the Annual Conference. [Enacted October 20, 1902.]

H.—Equipment Fund.—In case there is more collected at a camp meeting than is needed to pay all expenses, the balance shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference, who shall hold it as an Equipment Fund to be used to buy equipments for camp meetings, such as tabernacles, lamps, etc., as may be needed from time to time according to the decision of the Presiding Elders and the camp meeting committees. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

I.—Collections.—The pastor shall have charge of the offerings for the Poor, Foreign and Home Missionary work, and Conference Fund, until the Annual Conference, unless needed sooner. The offerings for the Missionary Presiding Elder and Gospel Workers shall be delivered to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference and reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference. All collections received on a charge for the building or purchase of churches, parsonages or other purposes on another charge shall be reported by the pastor where collected. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

J.—The money paid to any pastor for our Orphanage and Home shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees through the Secretary. The Secretary shall credit it on the Records and the Treasurer shall acknowledge it. [Enacted October 12, 1906.]

V.—SPECIAL SERVICES.

A.—Matrimony.—Each pastor shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.—The Lord's Coming.—Believing that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching; therefore we recommend our ministers to give still more earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the church as we see the Day approaching. [Enacted February 4, 1894.]

C.—As the Scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, (1 Sam. 22; 28; Mark 10: 13-16,) we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

D.—Class Meetings.—Each pastor shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or get them read once a year. [Discipline, page 72.]

E.—Camp Meetings.—Camp meetings shall be held annually according to the decision of the Presiding Elders and pastors of their respective districts. The advisability of having boarding stands at the various camp meetings shall be left to the decision of the Presiding Elder. [Enacted September 17, 1900.] There shall be a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of two Presiding Elders and the Chairman of each Camp Meeting Committee, to which matters that may refer to Camp Meetings in general may be referred. [Enacted October, 1906.]

F.—Sunday School Conventions.—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference. The committee on programme shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a programme. Each Sunday School shall be represented by the Superintendent, and one delegate from the laity. The superintendents, delegates and essayists shall have

their fares paid. Each Superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

G.—Funerals. We recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

H.—The editor of the Conference Journal shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services at the Annual Conference to be published in the Conference Journal. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

A.—Transfers—When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

B.—Each pastor shall bring an itemized report to the Annual Conference, according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

C.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen who shall have full charge of all the arrangements and management of the Orphanage and Home. They shall be elected for a term of two years. They shall be so elected that the term of office of four preachers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference.

D.—A Board of Foreign Missions consisting of five shall be elected annually. The President shall call and preside over the meetings of the board held annually or oftener. The Secretary shall communicate with the Foreign Missionaries and report to the Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall report the financial standing of the board to the Annual Conference.

E.—The Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Funds shall be authorized to loan money without interest out of these funds to the M. P. E. of the Gospel Worker Society, according to the judgment of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders.

F.—Whenever the Gospel Worker Society turns one or more missions over to the church, a committee, consisting of the Presiding Elders, Treasurer, and Missionary Presiding Elder, shall appraise the personal property or real estate belonging to said mission in case the Church chooses to buy said property, paying the same out of the Home Mission treasury. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

G.—No charges shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which have not been recorded in the Quarterly Conference proceeding of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last quarterly conference. [Enacted February 1, 1891.]

H.—All expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the Presiding Elder, shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

I.—The minutes shall be published only in the Conference Journal. The Secretary shall be privileged to curtail them as he sees fit and have them published in the Gospel Banner. [Revised October 14, 1907.]

J.—The pastors shall pay their Conference Journals within one week after they receive them. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

K.—The Financial Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Secretary of the Home Mission Fund. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

L.—The Annual Conference shall supply class books, steward's books, rent books, trustee books, and all the other account books for the different charges to be paid for out of the Conference Fund. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

M.—Each pastor shall record the mailing lists of the subscribers of the "Gospel Banner" and "Gospel Herald" in a book together with an accurate statement of the account of each subscriber to be transferred to his successor. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

Annual Conference Proceedings

1908

FIRST SESSION

Thursday Forenoon, October 8, 1908

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, convened in Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 A.M., October 8, 1908.

The first session was opened by singing "I need Thee every hour," and prayer by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, P. E., after which he gave us an earnest and practical address on the second chapter of Philippians. This was followed by a season of earnest prayer for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Conference Session.

The following members were enrolled :

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Present.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, J. C. Roth, Wm. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick, W. J. Fretz, G. A. Campbell, R. Bergstresser, W. S. Hottel, O. S. Hillegass, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, E. E. Kublic and P. J. Musselman.

Absent.—H. L. Weiss, of Chile.

PROBATIONERS

Present.—C. W. Stine, F. M. Hottel, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart and C. A. Parson.

DELEGATES

Present.—H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, John Ziegler, G. Ray Klinger, H. H. Bergey, E. R. Hartman, M. E. Stickler, J. H. Baus, R. T. Laudenslager, R. D. Dreisbach, M. M. Ziegler, Allen M. Gehman, S. H. Lichtenthaler, J. A. Kern, O. B. Bartholomew, H. E. Gackenback, G. K. Himmelreich and S. S. Geil.

Absent.—None.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Present.—G. F. Yost, C. A. Parson, D. H. Manney, J. F. Anderson, G. M. Reinbold, H. A. Kauffman, E. F. Richard and M. W. Ettinger.

Resolved, That the seats to the right and left of the Chair and the first three pews throughout the church constitute the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the minutes of the last Annual Conference be not read. The Chair shall appoint a committee to examine them.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to print the essay on "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," by C. H. Brunner. He appointed E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and W. G. Gehman.

The Secretary appointed his assistants as follows: Recording Secretary, C. W. Stine; Statistical Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Financial Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper. He appointed W. J. Fretz and E. E. Kublic, respectively.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair and approved by the Conference:

Committee on Worship.—J. C. Roth and H. L. Musselman.

Committee on Communications.—R. L. Woodring, W. G. Gehman and E. T. Shick.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Barrall, Allen M. Gehman and G. O. Billig.

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman and H. L. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, W. W. Zimmerman, E. E. Kublic, H. E. Gackenback, C. W. Stine, M. M. Ziegler, M. E. Stickler, R. T. Laudenslager, F. M. Hottel and John Ziegler.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—G. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman and L. B. Taylor.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, O. S. Hillegass and G. K. Himmelreich.

Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License.—W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and W. S. Hottel.

Committee on Applicants for Ordination.—J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Resolutions.—W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and W. S. Hottel.

Auditing Committee.—E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, W. J. Fretz, H. H. Bergey, S. S. Geil, P. J. Musselman, O. B. Bartholomew, R. D. Dreisbach, E. R. Hartman, J. H. Baus, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart, G. Ray Klinger and S. H. Lichenthaler.

Committee to Audit Schedules.—J. G. Shireman and J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Annual Conference Records.—J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel and W. G. Gehman.

Resolved. That the time allowed for the oral reports of each pastor be limited to ten minutes.

The pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

Resolved. That we adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Prayer by W. S. Hottel.

Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, October 8, 1908.

The session opened at 2.30 P.M., at the call of the chair.
Prayer by R. D. Dreisbach:

The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The reports of the following committees were submitted and received:

Committee on Worship.—G. F. Yost shall preach to-night followed with an invitation by C. A. Parson.

J. C. Roth,

H. L. Musselman, *Committee.*

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes for 1905 and 1906.—We have examined the Minutes of the Conference of 1905 and 1906, and found a few mistakes which we had the Secretary to correct.

E. N. Cassel,

J. C. Roth,

H. B. Musselman, *Committee.*

Committee on the Reading Course.—(See Report.)

Auditing Committee.—We have audited the following accounts: Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage, Conference Fund, Equipment Fund, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Camp Meeting, Board of Deacons, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, and Sunday School Conventions, and found them correct with the following exceptions: Mt. Carmel Quarterly Conference Record; the offering of the first quarter for the Presiding Elder not corresponding with the Summary. Nazareth and Plainfield Quarterly Conference record on page 89 in the Steward's report. Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill and Remps Quarterly Conference record in Summary of Gospel Worker's offerings.

Hellertown Camp Meeting Secretary's account on page 115.

Shamokin Camp Meeting Treasurer's account on the third last page,

E. N. Cassel,	E. R. Hartman,
R. L. Woodring,	P. J. Musselman,
W. J. Fretz,	O. B. Bartholomew,
H. H. Bergey,	R. D. Dreisbach,
J. H. Baus,	V. H. Reinhart,
S. S. Geil,	G. Ray Klinger,
S. H. Lichtenthaler,	H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—We examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them all correct except Philadelphia record, and Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill and Remp's record summary reports not signed by the Secretary.

Quakertown and Hatfield record; no mention made of devotional exercises in the second, third and fourth quarters. Also no mention of exhortations on duties of officers, nor duties of members towards the pastor.

Mt. Carmel recorded no devotional exercises throughout.

Gratersford and Harleysville records no election of Secretary.

Nazareth and Plainfield records no devotional exercises in the first and second quarters.

E. T. Shick	R. Bergstresser
F. M. Hottel	C. W. Stine
E. E. Kublic	W. W. Zimmeman
M. M. Ziegler	H. E. Gackenbach
John Ziegler	M. E. Stickler
R. T. Laudenslager	

Committee.

Committee to Audit Schedules.—We have audited the schedules and found them all correct.

J. F. Barrall,
J. G. Shireman, *Committee.*

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—We have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, and Missionaries and have found them all satisfactory.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
O. S. Hillegass,
G. K. Himmelreich, *Committee.*

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—We have examined the Traveling Elders and found no complaint but

all found satisfactory. L. Frank Haas has been suspended so we did not examine him.

G. A. Campbell,
Wm. Gehman,
L. B. Taylor, *Committee.*

Committee on Statistics.—We examined the Schedules and found them all correct.

J. G. Shireman,
H. L. Musselman, *Committee.*

Committee on Communications.—We received communications from W. B. Musselman, stating that he is unspeakably busy, and if possible desires Conference to excuse him from being present, or at least being present one certain day only. We recommend that Conference wire him that we are exceedingly sorry for his absence and desire his presence for Sunday evening and Monday until Conference closes.

R. L. Woodring,
W. G. Gehman,
E. T. Shick, *Committee.*

Committee on Resolutions.—*Resolved,* That the Chairman of this Conference appoint a Committee of three to see to all the necessary printing during the year.

W. G. Gehman,
J. C. Roth,
W. S. Hottel, *Committee.*

The Chair appointed W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home.—(See Report.)

Executive Board.—The work assigned to the Executive Board has made good progress and the Board hopes to give a more complete report in the near future,

W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner,
H. B. Musselman Wm. Gehman,
G. A. Campbell, *Board.*

The rest of the oral reports of the pastors were heard. These reports were very encouraging. Many were saved, baptized and added to the church. The special offerings in general exceeded those of any former year notwithstanding the hard times. The open-air services are well attended and the Sunday School work is making progress.

Resolved, That we meet as a Committee of the Whole in the basement of the church this evening at 7.30 to consider matters relative to the Orphanage and Home, to L. Frank Haas, the work of the Executive Board and other business that may present itself.

WHEREAS, Bro. C. W. Stine has passed the Reading Course satisfactorily, therefore

Resolved, That he be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

The President of the Gospel Herald Society submitted the names of G. F. Yost, H. A. Kauffman and D. H. Manney to the Conference as applicants for Annual Conference license. These brethren expressed the nature of their call to the satisfaction of the Conference and were recommended to the Committee on Applicants.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the next Annual Conference be elected Editor of the Conference Journal for the next year.

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention some time in the middle of the year, for one day. The Presiding Elders and one whom they shall appoint, shall constitute a committee to arrange a programme and set the date. All ordained ministers or probationers having charge of a work shall be present. A hearty invitation shall also be extended to the ministers' wives and families.

The following reports were submitted and received :

Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage and Home. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund. (See Report.)

Adjourned by prayer by P. J. Musselman.

THIRD SESSION

Friday Morning, October 9, 1908.

This session was opened by prayer by E. N. Cassel. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following reports were submitted and received :

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.—We examined the applicants, H. A. Kauffman, G. F. Yost and D. H. Manney, and recommend the Conference to receive them according to the discipline.

W. G. Gehman,

J. C. Roth,

W. S. Hottel,

Committee.

Committee on Ordination.—We have examined C. W. Stine and recommend the Conference to ordain him on Sunday afternoon.

J. C. Roth,
C. H. Brunner,
E. N. Cassel, *Committee.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WHEREAS, Charges have been preferred against L. Frank Haas, causing his suspension, which charges were sustained and admitted to, therefore

Resolved, That he be no longer a member of our Church and Conference.

Resolved, That we elect an Executive Board, consisting of five unconditional men to be elected annually, who shall have power to act as trustees with authority to purchase, hold, sell otherwise dispose of personal property and real estate in behalf of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the above Executive Board shall be the party of the second part in the matter of the transfer of the Church property on Third street, Quakertown, Pa.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to secure the funds necessary to purchase the above property including expenses and give acceptable security.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home have recently purchased a property in Centre Valley, therefore

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the said action of the Board, and cheerfully accept the property and call the price paid very reasonable, and further be it

Resolved, That each pastor present the matter clearly and fully before his congregation and take up a liberal subscription for the above, to be paid in by May 1, 1909.

Resolved, That we add two preachers, and one layman to the present number of members of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That we change the term of office of the Trustees from three years to two years.

Resolved, That at this Conference we elect two preachers, and one layman for one year, and two preachers and one layman to serve two years on the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

WHEREAS, The Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home has so wisely managed the farm and at the same time being compelled by the pressure of the work, to assist in the work himself more than should have been expected, infringing upon his precious time and other duties, therefore

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate his services during the past and further,

Resolved, That we ask the Conference to re-elect him and further ask the Board of Trustees to secure a manager for the farm to work under the instructions of the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That we recommend the Conference, to elect J. C. Roth, W. S. Hottel and Oscar Baer to serve as trustees of the Orphanage and Home for two years.

J. C. Roth, *Chairman*,
C. W. Stine, *Secretary*.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. (See Report.)

Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. (See Report.)

Treasurer of the Board of Deacons. (See Report.)

Resolved, That we erase the Secretary's name from the reports of the Treasurers.

Resolved, That the Treasurers sign and submit the reports of the various Treasuries.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to draw up regulations concerning the recording of the accounts of the Secretaries of the respective Camp Meetings. He appointed W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

The Presiding Elders now submitted their oral and financial reports.—

A.—Mt. Carmel District, W. G. Gehman, P. E.—The work looks good. The ministry is very well united. We had a very good Camp Meeting, of 75 tents at Shamokin, which has been a great blessing. The dull times hardly affected our finances. Our missions have a lot of good solid people. (For Financial Report see Reports.)

B.—Bethlehem District, H. B. Musselman, P. E. Love and unity have been prevailing throughout. Services have been remarkably well attended on Sundays, prayer meetings, open-air meetings and Sunday Schools. We have very many young people who are doing exceptionally well. Notwithstanding the financial depression, the offerings were much higher than before, besides many improvements on Church properties. Camp meetings were larger than ever and many were saved and baptized at each. (For Financial Report see Reports.)

C.—Gospel Herald Society, W. G. Gehman, President.—The young men are doing very well. Some of them are very strong characters. They are loyal and preach and work with enthusiasm. Their work is very difficult. Their domestic work in the missions, preaching every night and making a great many calls speaks well for their energy and faithfulness. Grand tent meetings were held at Hackettstown, N. J.; Washington, N. J., and Sunbury, Pa. (For Financial Report see Reports.)

WHEREAS, There are several hundred dollars left of the Home Mission Funds of last year, therefore

Resolved, That we will offer W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, the privilege to apply that balance from last year to those church properties under his supervision last year.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Secretary called the roll of unconditional and conditional members with the following results :

Unconditional.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, Wm. Gehman, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick, W. J. Fretz, R. Bergstresser, W. S. Hottel, O. S. Hillegass, F. M. Hottel, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, P. J. Musselman, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, C. W. Stine and V. H. Reinhart.

Conditional.—G. A. Campbell.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint tellers. He appointed W. S. Hottel and J. F. Barrall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Resolved, That we elect all the officers by nomination and ballot. The following were elected :—

Presiding Elders.—H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

Missionary Presiding Elder.—W. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman be Chairman of the next Annual Conference, and C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

The election of officers was continued as follows :

Treasurer—Allen M. Gehman.

Vice Presiding Elders—J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Committee over the Presiding Elders—W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman and E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman be Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District and W. G. Gehman, be Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District.

Resolved, That J. C. Roth be Vice Presiding Elder under H. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner be Vice Presiding Elder under W. G. Gehman.

Board of Foreign Missions.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, J. C. Roth, and Allen M. Gehman.

Committee on the Reading Course.—E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth, and W. S. Hottel.

Board of Deacons.—R. T. Laudenslager, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Musselman.

Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home.—W. G. Gehman.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.—For two years : J. C. Roth, W. S. Hottel, and Oscar Baer. For one year : E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner and H. L. Musselman.

Annual Conference Fund. — Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Treasurer, W. J. Fretz.

Camp Meeting Equipment Fund. — Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Resolved, That the Annual Conference elect a Board of Trustees consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen, who shall have full charge of all the arrangements and management of the Orphanage and Home. They shall be elected for a term of two years. They shall be so elected that the term of office of four preachers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference. (Standing Rule.)

Prayer by E. T. Shick. Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

FOURTH SESSION

Friday Afternoon, October 9, 1908

This session was opened by singing and prayer by S. S. Geil. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following reports were submitted and received:

Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund. (See Reports.)

Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund. (See Reports.)

Board of Trustees elected over the churches at Erwinna, Hereford and Norristown.—

Nothing was done in the matter of Erwinna and Hereford Church Buildings. The financial report of the Norristown Church is submitted. (See Reports.)

H. B. Musselman, *Chairman,*

W. G. Gehman, *Secretary,*

Oscar Baer, *Treasurer,*

H. L. Musselman, H. H. Bergey,

Board of Trustees.

Brother O. B. Bartholomew, one of the trustees of the Orphanage and Home, addressed the Conference concerning his convictions in relation to the work at the Orphanage farm. This made a deep impression on the Conference and led to a season of earnest prayer for the Lord's leading in this matter.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District examine the applicants for Annual Conference License on the Discipline.

The election of officers and committees was continued.

Executive Board.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Delegates to the General Conference.—J. C. Roth, O. B. Bartholomew, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and W. S. Hottel.

Resolved, That we elect five alternate delegates, three from the ministry and two from the laity, to serve in the order of

their election. E. N. Cassel, H. L. Musselman, J. G. Shireman, H. H. Bergey and R. L. Woodring were elected.

Resolved, That the Stationary, Boundary and Appropriating Committee sit at 7 o'clock this evening in the basement of the Church.

The matter relative to the transfer of the church property on Third Street, Quakertown, was brought up and the following resolution passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in a suit in equity, being No. 5 of April Term, A.D. 1905, decreed that M. A. Zyner, the pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, had the right to exercise the function of pastor of the said church, and that the defendants named in said suit were the rightful owners of the church property located on the east side of Third Street, in the Borough of Quakertown, aforesaid, and

WHEREAS, All the members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Quakertown, have signed an agreement in writing expressing their willingness to convey the aforesaid church property and real estate and surrender their charter to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, upon the following conditions, viz.: that the said Mennonite Brethren in Christ shall assume the entire debt and interest now on the said church property, that the members of the said Evangelical Mennonite Church of Quakertown shall have the privileges of ingress and egress to the said church building for the purpose of holding services on Sunday afternoon, every four weeks for so long a time as three of the now living members shall desire it, and to have the privilege also to hold funeral services in the said church building so long as the members of the said Evangelical Church of Quakertown may desire it; the said service to be free from all expenses and the church to be in proper condition for the holding of said services, therefore, be it

Resolved, In Conference assembled in the Borough of Bethlehem this ninth day of October, A.D. 1908, that the above stated conditions be accepted by a majority of the votes of the members of the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, and that the deed for the above-named church property be accepted together with the charter, and that Harvey B. Musselman, Charles H. Brunner, John C. Roth, William G. Gehman and Emanuel N. Cassel, be delegated and empowered to make the necessary provisions for carrying into effect the above stated articles.

WHEREAS, The foregoing document has been signed by the proper authorities, therefore

Resolved, That we spread the same on the minutes as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary ask the Editor of the "Gospel Herald" to send each pastor a copy of the mailing list of the subscribers on his charge.

Resolved, That Resolution 1, page 19, and Resolution 5, page 20, be made standing rules.

The organization of the following Committees and Boards was reported.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home :—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

Beneficiary Society :—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Board of Foreign Missions :—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Board of Examiners :—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Adjourned by prayer by G. A. Campbell.

FIFTH SESSION

Saturday Morning, October 10, 1908.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by William Gehman. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following reports were read and received:

Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. (See Report.)

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to permit to be taken from our midst during the past year by the hand of death, Elder Wilson Steinmetz, of Fleetwood, Pa., be it

Resolved, That we confess that we have lost in him a conscientious Christian and willing laborer, and commend the widow and the family to the God of all Grace and comfort, who knoweth the hearts of all men and giveth rewards according to the deeds done in the body.

Brother Wilson Steinmetz was born January 24, 1849. In 1893 he was licensed to preach the gospel, which he did up to the last Annual Conference, since which, on account of physical disability, he had no charge until his death, July 28, 1908, aged 59 years, 6 months, and 4 days. For a number of years two of his daughters have been active workers in the Gospel Worker Society, one of whom fell asleep in Jesus several years ago.

W. G. Gehman,
J. C. Roth,
W. S. Hottel, *Committee.*

Resolved, That Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, hold all the Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference and take the subscriptions with the assistance of the respective pastors.

Resolved, That each delegate shall see that the moving expenses of their pastor be paid.

Resolved, That we have two Sunday School Conventions, and that the members of the Conference Districts resolve themselves into two respective committees to organize.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SIXTH SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, October 10, 1908.

The session was opened by singing and prayer by Allen M. Gehman. The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Report of the Board of Examiners was read and received.

The following reports were read and received:

Committee on Worship :—C. H. Brunner shall preach this evening.

J. C. Roth,

H. L. Musselman, *Committee*.

Committee to organize Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention :—Chairman, J. C. Roth; Secretary, R. Bergstresser; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Programme :—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That we have two sessions, one in the forenoon, and one in the afternoon, with special services in the evening. The Committee shall arrange for the evening services. No pastor shall leave without the consent of the Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention be held at Quakertown on Ascension Day, 1909.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, of the Mt. Carmel District, and the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman. Also the Pastors of the Mt. Carmel District, and the Gospel Heralds.

J. F. Barrall, *Secretary*.

W. S. Hottel, *Chairman*.

Committee to organize Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention :—Chairman, E. E. Kublic; Secretary, V. H. Reinhart; Treasurer, H. A. Kauffman.

Committee on Programme :—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick.

Resolved, That this Convention be held at Philadelphia on the day previous to Ascension Day, 1909.

Resolved, That we hold two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The Committee on programme shall arrange for special services in the evening. No pastor shall be permitted to leave.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation through the secretary to the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman; Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, of the Bethlehem District, and other ministers of the Bethlehem District to be present at this convention.

J. G. Shireman, *Chairman*.

P. J. Musselman, *Secretary*.

Committee on Regulations relative to the recording of Camp Meeting accounts:—All bills of Camp Meeting expenses shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee in an itemized form giving date of all expenses. The Secretary shall have the bill O.K.'d by the Chairman of the Committee and issue an order on the Treasurer, who shall pay such orders when properly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

The Secretary shall enter the bills in his book as they are submitted and also enter all money as it is received, giving date, and name of party from whom such money is received, making the Camp Meeting Committee creditor for all money received and debtor for all money paid out. He shall also compile a summary of receipts and expenses at the end of the record of all expenses for the year.

The Treasurer shall make himself debtor in his book for all the various amounts of money as they are received and creditor for all money paid out, giving date and name of party or parties from whom money is received, and date and name of party or parties, and number of order to whom money is paid.

W. G. Gehman,

E. N. Cassel,

J. C. Roth, *Committee*.

Committee on Resolutions:—*Resolved*, That we make the following appeals to the General Conference:

1—To add "Except by two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference," to paragraph 11 on page 76 in the Discipline.

2—That the Annual Conference adopt uniform "Pastor's Oral Report Blanks."

3—That the General Conference encourage the various Annual Conferences to send fraternal delegates to the different Annual Conferences from time to time, as the various Conferences deem it advisable, in order that the Annual Conferences become more intimately acquainted with each other.

4—To revise 1st paragraph on page 67 in the Discipline to read "once a week" instead of "once a year," line second.

5—To modify the first paragraph chapter 5, page 83, of the Discipline to read "by two or more brethren, etc."

6—That the article on Life Insurance on page 43, section 14, in the Discipline read "Believing that taking out life insurance policies is contrary to the spirit and teachings of Christianity, no member shall be permitted to insure his life or that of anybody else."

W. G. Gehman,

J. C. Roth,

W. S. Hottel, *Committee.*

The Chairman appointed J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel and F. M. Hottel, as Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.

WHEREAS, We have been informed through the Gospel Banner and through the report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions how the Lord has so wonderfully spared and blessed the lives and labors of all our Missionaries in Chile, China and Turkey, even in sickness, through the burning of one of their new chapels, through persecutions, etc., therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate the reports in the Gospel Banner from our devoted co-laborers in those benighted lands.

That we praise the giver of all good gifts for supplying health, strength, and courage, so that none died or left the field during the year.

That we continue to support them with our means, and uphold them with our prayers that the coming year may be one of greater blessing and power, witnessing and soulsaving than any before, and that both they and their converts may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed and sent to each one of the Missionaries by the Secretary, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene at Allentown, Pa., the second Thursday of October, 1909, at 8 A.M.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene at Bethlehem. The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Committee on Programme, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, and J. C. Roth.

The above Convention shall convene on April 15, 1909.

Rev. H. Horace Rouig, pastor of Bethany United Evangelical Church, was introduced to the Conference.

A liberal offering was lifted for the labor and expense of the Secretary amounting to \$11.31. Thanks.

Resolved, That none of the Conference members be absent from the services to-morrow.

Resolved, That we print 500 Conference Journals to be sold at 25 cents each. Any expenses in connection with the printing of the Journals not covered by the receipts for the same,

shall be paid for out of the Annual Conference Fund, or any balance from the sale of them shall be paid into said fund.

Resolved, That we donate \$10.00 to the editor of the Conference Journal.

The report of the Board of Examiners on the Reading Course was read and received. (See Report.)

Adjourned by prayer by E. T. Slick.

SERVICES

Sunday, October 11, 1908

A little rain during the night settled the dust, and cleared up the atmosphere, so that the weather was all that could be desired. The brothers and sisters commenced to gather early from the various classes from far and near.

At 10.00 A.M., H. B. Musselman, the Chairman of the Conference, preached the Conference Sermon, exhorting the ministry to be loyal, active, faithful, self-denying, and make full proof of their ministry.

At 2 o'clock W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached the Ordination Sermon, emphasizing the call and study of the pastor and the importance of ordination. This was followed by a very impressive service, during which C. W. Stine was ordained.

In the evening, after a short address by W. S. Hottel, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder of Cleveland, Ohio, preached a stirring, instructive sermon, on the "Mystery of Godliness."

The services during the day were accompanied by excellent singing. The addresses were pointed and powerful. The large church was crowded to the doors, and the glory of the Lord filled the house and the hearts of his people.

SEVENTH SESSION

Monday Morning, October 12, 1908.

This session was opened by prayer by J. G. Shireman. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A telegram from W. B. Musselman, received many hours late, was handed to W. G. Gehman for investigation.

Resolved, That the Printing Committee, with the Chairman of the Annual Conference, get new dedication certificates during the year.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed last year to secure an "Act of Incorporation," be discontinued and that this

work be assigned to the Executive Board, which Board shall have full power and authority to secure an "Act of Incorporation," examine and correct deeds, titles, charters, etc., and dispose of all other legal matters that may present themselves from time to time.

WHEREAS, We are not sufficiently informed at this time relative to the election of a General Board of Trustees to fulfil the duties and functions decided upon by the Annual Conference, therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Board elected at this Conference shall be hereby duly authorized and empowered to formulate or elect a Board according to the requirements of the law in case the election of the present Executive Board is illegal.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, now gave us a very interesting report of the progressive work of the Gospel Worker Society, whereupon the following report was read and received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, gave us a glowing report of the work of the Gospel Worker Society, and further,

WHEREAS, The Lord has upheld the Society especially during the financial pressure in Ohio, and has graciously blessed their work to the saving of souls and sowing the seed through evangelistic and colportage work, therefore

Resolved, That we humbly and earnestly praise God for His blessing bestowed in the past, and that we highly appreciate and endorse the noble work of pioneering in which they are engaged, and the spirit of self-denial manifested, and pledge ourselves to uphold them with our prayers, and to swell the offerings and get as many new subscribers for the "Gospel Herald" as possible.

W. G. Gehman,
J. C. Roth,
W. S. Hottel, *Committee.*

Resolved, That this Conference go to the Orphanage Farm in a body, with the 12.45 p.m. train to-day, if we get through, excusing the Secretary, on account of the Journal, also Wm. Gehman, because of his age. Also H. E. Gackenbach in case he does not want to go.

Resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Bethlehem Class for their kindness and hospitality shown unto us during the Conference Session.

Adjourned by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

TWENTY-FIFTH

H. B. Musselman, *Chairman.*

C. H. Brunner, *Secretary.*

Allen M. Gehman, *Treasurer.*

W. G. Gehman, *P. E.*

W. B. Musselman, *M. P. E.*

J. C. Roth, *Vice P. E.*

C. W. Stine, *Recording Secretary.*

J. G. Shireman, *Statistical Secretary.*

J. F. Barrall, *Financial Secretary.*

W. J. Fretz,	O. B. Bartholomew,
E. W. Cassel,	M. E. Stickler,
E. E. Kublic,	M. M. Ziegler.
V. H. Reinhart,	John Ziegler,
W. S. Hottel,	S. H. Lichtenthaler,
E. T. Shick,	G. Ray Klinger,
W. W. Zimmerman,	R. T. Laudenslager,
R. Bergstresser,	E. R. Hartman.
R. L. Woodring,	J. A. Kern,
G. A. Campbell,	H. L. Musselman,
F. M. Hottel,	J. H. Baus,
H. K. Kratz,	H. H. Bergey,
P. J. Musselman,	G. O. Billig,
L. B. Taylor,	S. S. Geil,
O. S. Hillegass,	G. K. Himmelreich,
William Gehman,	H. E. Gackenbach,
R. D. Dreisbach.	

REPORTS

I. Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

(A) APPOINTMENTS.

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. Musselman, P.E.

- (a) STATIONS.
 Bethlehem—J. C. Roth.
 Allentown—E. N. Cassel.
 South Allentown—W. J. Fretz.
 Zionsville—W. W. Zimmerman.
- (b) CIRCUITS.
 Reading and Athol—C. H. Brunner.
 Royersford and Spring City—W. S. Hottel.
 Gratersford and Harleysville—R. Bergstresser.
 Coopersburg and Springtown—J. F. Barrall.
 Emaus and Macungie—H. K. Kratz.
- (c) MISSIONS.
 Lehighton and Weissport—C. W. Stine.
 Northampton—O. S. Hillegass.
 Quakertown and Hatfield—R. L. Woodring.
 Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—F. M. Hottel.
- (d) TABERNACLES.
 To be supplied.
- (e) LOCAL PREACHERS.
 L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg and Springtown Quarterly Conference.
 Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.
 O. Bitting, Emaus and Macungie Quarterly Conference.
 G. A. Campbell, Quakertown and Hatfield Quarterly Conference.
- (f) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.
 J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. W. Dill,
 F. E. Frey and M. W. Ettinger.

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. Gehman, P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.
 Mt. Carmel—E. T. Shick.
- (b) CIRCUIT.
 Nazareth and Plainfield—V. H. Reinhart.

- (c) MISSIONS.
 Philadelphia—J. G. Shireman.
 Walnutport and Tripoli—P. J. Musselman.
 Easton and Erwinna—E. E. Kublic.
- (d) TABERNACLES.
 To be supplied.
- (e) ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.
 C. A. Parsor, G. F. Yost, H. A. Kauffman and D. H. Manney.
- (f) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.
 Wm. E. Manney.

(B) APPROPRIATIONS.

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill, per month.....	\$6 00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	8 00
Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	10 00
Northampton, per month.....	15 00
O. S. Hillegass, moving expenses.....	10 00
W. W. Zimmerman, moving expenses.....	10 00
W. J. Fretz, moving expenses.....	15 00
H. K. Kratz, moving expenses.....	18 00
C. W. Stine, moving expenses.....	20 00
R. L. Woodring, moving expenses.....	20 00
R. Bergstresser, moving expenses.....	20 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder..	100 00

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT

Walnutport and Tripoli, per month.....	\$12 00
Easton and Erwinna, per month.....	15 00
Philadelphia, per month.....	20 00
E. E. Kublic, moving expenses.....	20 00
E. T. Shick, moving expenses.....	20 00
P. J. Musselman, moving expenses.....	25 00
J. G. Shireman, moving expenses.....	30 00

(C) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

W. G. Gehman, *President*.

East Stroudsburg, to be supplied.

Shamokin, to be supplied.

Sunbury, to be supplied.

Norristown, to be supplied.

Washington, N. J., to be supplied.

Hackettstown, N. J., to be supplied.

(D) GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder in Charge.

(E) FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA—H. L. Weiss, Superintendent; Mrs. H. L. Weiss, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, A. E. Dawson, Mrs. A. E. Dawson, Niels Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels Gunstadt, M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, Joseph Schmiedlin and Mrs. Joseph Schmiedlin.

CHINA—C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder and V. G. Plymire.
TURKEY—Rose Lambert.

H. B. Musselman, *Chairman*.
W. G. Gehman, *Secretary*.

H. L. Musselman,

E. R. Hartman,	H. H. Bergey.	
M. E. Stickler,	G. O. Billig,	
J. H. Baus,	M. M. Ziegler,	
G. Ray Klinger,	R. T. Laudenslager.	
Allen M. Gehman,	John Ziegler.	<i>Committee.</i>

II. Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Another year is past with its victories and rests on the Foreign Field as well as the home land. Another page has been added to the history of Missions. While some have left the ranks, others have fallen at their post of duty, the Lord has graciously spared all our Missionaries.

The offerings for this cause have been larger than ever, or five times as much as ten years ago. Ten years ago our people gave \$1.31 per member; last year they gave \$4.22 per member. During the ten years the membership increased 78%, while the Foreign Missionary offerings increased 472%. Our Conference now supports sixteen Foreign Missionaries or one Missionary for every 80 members at home. This is especially encouraging when we compare it with the figures given by good authority stating that in 1905 among the seven principal Protestant churches in the U. S., the United Presbyterians led with 1.77 per member for Foreign Missions down to the Methodists who gave .46 per member. The members and friends of the Gospel Herald Society Mission at Washington, N. J., have sent a large box of clothing, muslins, bed clothes, etc., to the Orphanage at Hadjin, Turkey, valued at \$62.50.

CHINA.

Bro. C. F. Snyder, who had spent nine years in China, principally on the Western borders, had been home on furlough and left again for the borders of Thibet, sailing from Seattle, Wash.. February 4, 1908, accompanied by Bro. V. G. Plymire. Bro.

Plymire was converted in the Gospel Worker Society Mission at York, Pa., and was a faithful, steady standby of the Mission. For the last four years he was a member of the Gospel Herald Society. The Lord has blessed him with a robust body, an energetic will, and a conscientious spirit. After a very stormy voyage across the Pacific they arrived at Yokohama, Japan, February 21. On March 11. they stopped off at Nanking, where Brother Snyder was married in the American Consulate to Miss Phebe Brenneman, a member of the Indiana Conference, but since transferred to this Conference. From here they went in a house-boat up the Han River, had their boat wrecked, goods soaked, and narrowly escaped with their lives, arriving at Taochow, on the borders of Thibet, August 10, after a wearisome journey of 196 days.

CHILE.

Eleven years ago Brother and Sister Weiss arrived in Chile. The Lord signally blessed their labors, supplied workers, gave them converts, so that their regular membership swelled up to between seven and eight hundred. Brother H. L. Weiss is Superintendent of the whole work in Chile. Of late the Lord has been somewhat sifting the work. Some of the workers left them (however, none of those belonging to our Church), some started opposition, but God takes care of His Work. We are supporting twelve missionaries on this field, ten of whom are members of our Church. Last January Brother M. P. Zook was married to Miss Anna Erskine, who went to Chile with Brother and Sister Weiss three years ago. Brother Zook is stationed at Osorno with the oversight of a few outstations. He had been sick of typhoid fever, but the Lord delivered him.

Brother and Sister Feldges are still at Temuco. Last summer they finished their nice little chapel and had a fine Sunday School and every prospect for a good, strong work. In January a great fire swept over the town, destroying their chapel, which was a great blow to the work. He reported 318 meetings and about 1000 calls. Bro. A. E. Dawson finished the chapel at Loncoche, and he and his wife opened a school of 40 pupils, and also a Sunday School of about the same number.

Brother and Sister Gunstadt report good meetings and a large, flourishing church on the Island of Chiloe. They made several trips to the colonies, where they had large crowds.

Brother Weiss writes that Brother Orellano, a native helper supported by us, resigned from the active work on account of ill health.

TURKEY.

It is now ten years since Sister Lambert came to Hadjin, and although there is always a great deal of suffering and extreme

poverty in the city, last winter was the severest since she is on the field. As the crops of 1907 were almost a total failure, food stuffs were scarce and extremely high, consequently suffering among the many poor was intense. They are still looking to the Lord for the necessary funds to build a Boys' Home in a healthier locality outside the city. The Sultan has conceded to many reforms which will make things much easier for the missionaries. Brother Barker, the Superintendent, and his family are at home on furlough at present. Workers are needed very much in Hadjin. Just before going to press I received a cablegram announcing the death by typhoid fever of Mrs. Henry Maurer, one of their devoted workers. Miss Elizabeth Hawley was a physician and was married to Brother Maurer only a few years ago. She was a great blessing to the work and her death should stir some one up to take her place in the great harvest field.

III. Report of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, from October 2, 1907, to October 1, 1908.

During the year we still continued to make improvements. We built chutes from the feed bins alongside the thrashing floor into the entry below so that the various feeds need not be carried below.

We built a concrete enclosure around the spring at the upper part of the former dam and connected it with iron pipes to the ran, so that now we get clear water out of the rock for man and beast; a concrete wall around the spring in front of the spring house for clean water for washing and for a gold fish pond; a concrete liquid manure cistern in the barnyard 5 feet x 5 feet—10 feet deep; a new water course through the upper part of the meadow in order to get a more direct course and farm a part of the meadow land.

Trees were cut down along the middle fences, the middle fences removed, and the stumps dynamited. Thousands of feet of lumber and many cords of wood were thus realized, which are not yet disposed of.

We purchased a new two-horse walking cultivator, a four-inch rim four-horse wagon, a new circular saw and ripping table, a Ross shredder, and a low wheel one-horse wagon for forage hauling.

The gasoline engine furnishes power for the thrasher and separator, grist mill, fodder cutter, saw and grind stone.

We have the same horses we had last year and they are giving excellent service.

We have more than double the number of cattle we had last year. We have 24 head of cows, 9 heifers, four of which are pure bred and registered Holstein-Friesians of high breeding, one large thorough-bred and registered Holstein-Friesian bull, Vernon De Kol Count.

Our sale of milk throughout the year averaged \$224.84 per month. We sold calves for an average of \$18.87 per month, making a total average yield per month of \$243.71 from the cows.

We stable-fed the cows all summer on green rye, meadow and field grass, sugar cane, ensilage corn, and sugar corn fodder. Cow stables are manured twice a day and the manure hauled directly into the fields. The cows are cleaned daily. This makes much work, but is profitable.

Our breeding sows had nice litters in the spring, which we sold at a good price. Several have litters now which are selling at fair prices. Three breeding hogs were donated during the year.

We have a few pens of nice chickens—Rose-combed Brown Leghorns and single-combed White Leghorns. Two incubators were donated.

We sold last year's wheat crop in the fall for \$1.05 per bushel F. O. B. Centre Valley, Pa. This year's crop was real good, but the acreage was not so large.

Potatoes sold mostly at 60 cents per bushel. This year's crop was real good considering the drought and are selling at present from 80 to 90 cents per bushel for choice.

The sugar corn yield was very good and profitable.

The field corn yield is the best we have yet had thus far.

The hay crop was abundant. From one field we averaged 3½ tons of hay per acre.

Oats yielded approximately 50 bushels per acre.

The Le Conte pear crop was again large, for which we found ready sale.

In spring we planted 130 peach trees, 60 apple trees, 59 pear trees, and 9 plum trees. They look promising.

The Board of Trustees bought the property of the late Henry Sell, of Centre Valley, Pa., containing 10½ acres of land, 4 or 5 acres of which are splendid meadow land for pasturing our young live-stock. A nice large 9 room brick house is on the premises in which a small Orphanage may be started. A barn also is on the premises.

Charles J. Kline, the farmer; Titus Hottel, the herdsman, and Albert Rotherman, the hired man, have done good service and seem to enjoy the work for the Lord on this line.

We are looking to the Lord and this Conference for a more thorough organization of the temporal economy of this Home

Farm. Also do we expect that in the near future we shall be enabled to start Orphanage work on a small scale.

We thank the Lord for past victories won and look forward for greater blessings from the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

The Board of Trustees asks the Conference to increase the number of Trustees for the future.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM OCT. 2, 1907, TO OCT. 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Milk	Live stock
Potatoes	Feed
Live stock	Labor.....
Wheat	Freight
Beef	Board.....
Hogs and pigs ...	Fertilizers
Calves	Implements
Sugar corn	Fares, toll, telephone
Pears	Provisions
Eggs	Seeds
Cont'b'n from church.	Interest
Vegetables	Repairs
Horse	Milk cans
Poultry	Oils and Paints ..
Implements	Tax
*Donations	Poultry
Lumber	Pipes
Discounts	Trees
Labor	Cement, lime, sand
Cord wood	Paris Green, bluestone
	Sawing lumber....
	Hardware
	Furniture
	Horse shoeing
	Presents
	Dynamite
	Harness
	Blacksmith
	Painting
	Lumber
	Eggs
	Periodicals
Total	Total

*Besides this there were articles received during the year amounting to \$49.60 not included in this report.

TWENTY-FIFTH
STOCK ACCOUNT.

A Stock Account Committee of Five, appointed by the Board of Trustees from among their number, took the following conservative account of stock:

Farm	\$9000 00
Implements	1263 31
Horses	910 00
Cattle	1669 30
Hogs and pigs	151 90
Poultry	56 10
32 T. hay @ \$12 00.....	384 00
4 T. meadow hay @ \$10 00.....	40 00
3½ T. Rowen.....	30 00
370 Bu. wheat @ \$1.....	370 00
650 Bu. corn @ \$0.75.....	487 50
160 Bu. oats @ \$0 60.....	96 00
1100 Bu. potatoes @ \$0 68.....	748 00
3000 ft. walnut lumber @ \$0 45.....	135 00
2300 ft. chestnut lumber @ \$0 15.....	34 50
Cord wood.....	100 00
Cash on hand.....	42 70
Total.....	\$15518 31

STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Farm	Contributions to
Implements	October 2, 1907
Live stock.....	Cont'n since Oct.
Produce	2, 1907.....
Lumber & Cord wood	Donations
Cash on hand ...	Loans
	Surplus
Total	Total

W. G. Gehman, *Superintendent.*

H. B. Musselman, *Chairman.*

C. H. Brunner, *Secretary.*

E. N. Cassel, *Treasurer.*

W. G. Gehman. Allen M. Gehman.

E. T. Shick. O. B. Bartholomew.

J. G. Shireman. H. L. Musselman. *Board of Trustees.*

IV. Report of the Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.

(A) EXAMINATIONS 1908

(a) Applicants for Annual Conference License on Discipline

G. F. YOST,	55
H. A. KAUFFMAN,	89
D. H. MANNEY,	92
W. G. GEHMAN,	<i>Examiner.</i>

(b) PROBATIONERS ON THE READING COURSE

Probationers	Bible	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Lessons in Holiness	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Reformed Pastor	Fletcher's Appeal	Nelson on Infidelity	Jesus is Coming	Average
FIRST YEAR										
C. A. Parson.....	65	27	49	64	63					54
SECOND YEAR										
H. K. Kratz.....	99	90	90		87	78				89
F. M. Hottel.....	60	67	53		56	68				64
V. H. Reinhart.....	76	30	89		70	53				64
THIRD YEAR										
C. W. Stine.....	86	80	87		90		82	78	91	85

E. N. CASSEL, }
 W. S. HOTTEL, } *Board*
 E. T. SHICK, } *of*
Examiners.

(B) DIVISIONS FOR 1909

(a) FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL STUDIES

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker—chapters 1-5 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—chapters 1-17 inclusive.

Church History, Fisher—to page 240.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 6-12 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—chapters 18-32 inclusive.

Church History—page 240-484.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 13-19 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—New Testament Section.

Church History—page 484 to end.

Jesus is Coming—Blackstone.

(b) SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL STUDIES

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE

Bible—I and II Timothy and St. John, chapters 13-17 inclusive.

Lessons in Holiness—Doty.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE

Bible—Leviticus and Hebrews.

Reformed Pastor—Baxter.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE

Bible—Romans.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Fletcher's Appeal.

The first semi-annual examination shall be held in Bethlehem, Pa., April 13, 1909, at 7.30 A.M.

The second semi-annual examination shall be held in Allentown, Pa., October 11, 1909, at 7.30 A.M.

Pres., J. C. ROTH,	}	Board
Sec., W. S. HOTTEL.		of
Treas., E. N. CASSEL,		Examiners.

V. Report of the Financial Secretary

(Part I. Treasurers' Reports)

A. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07.. \$6434 24	Support
Contributions (Special)... 859 37	H. L. Weiss and Family... \$ 700 00
Offerings (Regular)..... 5287 04	A. E. Dawson and Wife... 600 00
	H. W. Feldges and Wife... 600 00
	M. P. Zook and Wife..... 600 00
	Niels Gunstadt and Wife... 400 00
	C. F. Snyder and Wife... 537 50
	Joseph Schmiedlin and... Wife..... 300 00
	Mr. Orellano and Wife... 45 00
	Rose Lambert..... 300 00
	V. G. Plymire..... 225 00
	Outfits, Etc.
	V. G. Plymire, outfit and freight..... } \$ 218 18
	C. F. Snyder, outfit and freight..... 153 95
	C. F. Snyder, Transporta- tion..... 140 00
	V. G. Plymire, Transporta- tion..... 280 00
	Forward Movement..... 200 00
	Hadjin, Turkey..... 864 83
	C. F. Snyder, Trav. Ex. 50 00
	H. L. Weiss..... 25 00
	Sundries..... 101 93
	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, 1908 6239 26
Total.....\$12580 65	Total.....\$12580 65

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer

B. Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$2670 93	H. B. Musselman, P. E....\$ 517 53
Received Oct. 8, '08..... 2784 10	W. G. Gehman, P. E. 1835 26
	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08... 3102 24
Total.....\$5455 03	Total.....\$5455 03

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

C. Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage and Home

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Proceeds from farm .....\$6825 92	Deficit Oct. 2, '07\$ 170 78
	Paid out during year 6612 44
	Bal. in Treas Oct. 9, '08.... 42 70
Total.....\$6825 92	Total.....\$6825 92

E. N. CASSEL, Treasurer.

D. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$ 286 36	Paid out during year.....\$ 97 00
Received Oct. 8, '08..... 92 92	Balance in Treas. Oct. 9, '08 334 28
“ from Pastors..... 52 00	
Total.....\$ 431 28	Total.....\$ 431 28

J. F. BARRALL, Treasurer.

E. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$ 343 22	Paid out during year\$ 158 20
Received Oct. 9, '08..... 235 57	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08... 420 59
Total....\$ 578 79	Total.....\$ 578 79

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

F. Report of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$ 39 41	Paid out during year.....\$ 36 75
Received Oct. 9, '08..... 74 88	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08... 77 54
Total.....\$ 114 29	Total.....\$ 114 29

W. J. FRETZ, Treasurer.

G. Report of the Treasurer of the C. M. Equipment Fund.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$ 106 70	Carfare, Mantels, Globes,
Hellertown C.M. Committee 99 75	Camp-Stools, etc.....\$ 142 12
Wescosville “ “ 136 52	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08... 246 28
Shamokin “ “ 21 41	
Reading “ “ 24 02	
Total.....\$ 388 40	Total.....\$ 388 40

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

H. Reports of the Treasurers of the Sunday School Conventions**(a) Bethlehem District**

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$	34 03	Convention Expenses.....\$	54 68
Received at last Convention	48 76	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08...	28 11
Total.....	\$ 82 79	Total.....	\$ 82 79

R. BERGSTRESSER, Treasurer.

(b) Mt. Carmel District

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07..\$	34 23	Convention Expenses.....\$	34 55
Received at last Convention	71 47	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08...	71 15
Total.....	\$ 105 70	Total.....	\$ 105 70

E. E. KUBLIC, Treasurer.

I. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees over Norristown, Erwinna and Hereford Churches

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Rent for ante-room of Norristown Church for April, May and June.....\$	15 00	Plumber, for turning water on.....\$	50
Rent for Chapel by "Gospel Herald" for September and October.....	20 00	Water Rent for 9 Months..	5 25
Total.....	\$ 35 00	Repairing roof of Chapel..	4 00
		By Balance in Treasury.....	25 25
		Total.....	\$ 35 00

OSCAR BAER, Treasurer.

J. F. BARRALL, *Financial Secretary.*

VI. Report of the Financial Secretary

(Part II. Summary Collections from October, 1907, to October, 1908)

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Conference Fund
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT						
Bethlehem.....	\$ 603 30	\$ 590 55	\$ 412 35	\$ 34 00	\$26 35	\$11 80
Allentown.....	462 50	508 75	335 05	49 80	13 15	11 45
Reading.....	176 70	228 20	78 04	10 00	12 70	3 75
Athol.....	4 00	10 00				
Coopersburg.....	187 85	181 35	145 03	18 30	3 50	3 70
Springtown.....	20 30	46 10	9 13	2 60	1 20	50
So. Allentown.....	116 20	142 45	100 00	7 30	2 30	2 68
Emaus.....	34 50	47 25	25 25	12 75	93	61
Zionsville.....	100 50	107 71	216 09	13 85	4 10	3 12
Macungie.....	78 60	147 10	161 43	10 85	3 58	2 25
Spring City.....	87 25	96 00	79 07	4 38	3 25	1 25
Royersford.....	109 25	127 60	90 97	2 82	3 00	2 40
Quakertown.....	85 00	88 50	67 86	5 20	4 15	2 00
Hatfield.....	13 25	32 00		75	51	1 65
Fleetwood.....	21 35	29 00	30 46	3 03	1 00	65
Blaudon.....	61 25	50 25	24 76	2 00	2 25	1 00
Terre Hill.....	31 05	23 90	2 00	51	1 08	87
Gratersford.....	28 25	28 00	43 60	5 25	1 75	1 75
Harleysville.....	86 75	74 50	50 75	5 25	2 00	2 00
Northampton.....	58 25	85 00	40 81	3 24	1 56	1 30
Lehighton.....	31 75	27 75	38 01	2 10	3 32	90
Weissport.....	10 50	18 00	9 89	1 25	1 30	85
Total on District.....	\$2408 35	\$2689 96	\$1960 55	\$195 23	\$92 98	\$56 48
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT						
Mt. Carmel.....	\$ 105 25	\$ 150 20	\$ 56 52	\$ 17 09	\$ 6 80	\$ 8 35
Easton.....	63 75	54 00	11 48	6 60	3 20	2 30
Nazareth.....	85 55	81 80	16 72	7 42	4 31	3 98
Plainfield.....	15 00	11 75	2 92	5 43	1 09	1 27
Walnutport.....	59 10	38 60	19 25	1 00	1 10	1 00
Tripoli.....	13 50	16 00		1 20	60	50
Philadelphia.....	30 60	31 00	33 75	1 60	1 30	1 00
G. H. Society.....	3 00		112 54			
Total on District.....	\$ 375 75	\$ 383 35	\$ 253 18	\$ 40 34	\$ 18 40	\$18 40
Grand Total.....	2784 10	\$3073 31	2213 73	235 57	111 38	74 88

J. F. BARRALL, Financial Secretary.

VII. Financial Reports of the Presiding Elders

A. Bethlehem District

(a) APPROPRIATIONS	
Lehighton and Weissport..\$	96 00
Northampton	180 00
Blandon, Fleetwood and Terre Hill.....	72 00
Total.....	\$ 348 00

(b) MISCELLANEOUS	
E. N. Cassel, Moving.....\$	15 00
W. S. Hottel, "	15 00
F. M. Hottel, "	15 00
J. F. Barrall, "	15 00
J. C. Roth, "	15 00
C. H. Brunner, "	15 00
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	\$ 90 00

L. Frank Haas, moving, car fares, etc.....\$	34 63
Car fares, H. B. Mussel- man and W. G. Gehman	80
Royersford Tabernacle Meeting.....	9 10
For storage of Camp Goods up to October, 1909.....	35 00
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, '08...	45 47
Total.....	\$ 125 00
Grand Total.....	\$ 563 00
H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.	

B. Mount Carmel District

(a) APPROPRIATIONS	
Nazareth and Plainfield..\$	60 00
Walnutport and Tripoli.....	144 00
Easton and Erwinna	144 00
Norristown	144 00
Philadelphia	120 00
Total.....	\$ 612 00

(b) MISCELLANEOUS	
Donations to Church prop- erty, Phila., Pa.....\$	128 46
H. K. Kratz, Moving.....	15 00
E. E. Kublic, Moving to Quakertown.....	18 00

Phila. Benches delivered to Norristown.....	2 50
Freight on Camp Meeting Equipage, Macungie to Shamokin	37 77
Freight on Camp Meeting Equipage, Shamokin to Hellertown	19 10
Donated, P. J. Musselman Appropriations for last year	213 82
Total.....	\$ 434 65
Grand Total.....	\$1046 65

Rec'd from Treasurer Home Mission Fund..... 1046 65

W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

VIII. Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society

(a) STATISTICAL			
Ordained Ministers of Annual Conference.....	1	Mission Repairs, Sunbury. Chapel.....	45 29
Probationers of Annual Conference	1	Subscription on Shamokin	
Gospel Heralds full Members	7	Chapel.....	39 68
Church Members.....	72	Discounts and other amounts in cash.....	98 76
Baptized.....	35	Parsonage rent, Shamokin	130 00
Sunday Schools.....	4	Free will gift of M. B. C. Home Mission Treas. for Chapel.....	200 00
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	40	Sunday School Conventions	14 49
Scholars Enrolled.....	252	Conference fund.....	64 67
Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers....	38	" Secretary	2 00
Average Attendance of Scholars	200	For Heralds.....	44 24
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held....	187	Donations for Heralds.....	125 28
Open Air Meetings.....	592	For Tab., Meetings, Furniture, Utensils, Cartage, Freight, Fares, Heralds and other appropriations from M. B. C. Treas.....	595 33
Prayer Meetings	169	Total.....	\$7921 32
Sermons and Addresses....	2204	(c) EXPENDITURES	
Pastoral Visits	1247	Tabernacle Meetings, Washington, N. J.....	\$ 7 25
"Gospel Heralds" sold	26355	Tabernacle Mt'g, Hackettstown, N. J.	9 68
Value of Shamokin Church Property.....	\$5000.00	Tabernacle Meeting, Sunbury, Pa.....	6 78
(b) COLLECTIONS		Donations to all the Heralds	130 28
General Collection for rents	\$437 50	Furniture.....	75 02
Stewards Collection	58 25	Old Missions repairs and supplies.....	89 78
Collections for Light.....	138 30	Furnishing and opening New Missions.....	16 62
General Collection for Sundry expenses.....	432 76	Hauling	18 85
Collections for President...	347 68	Freight and expressage....	27 64
For Sunday Schools.....	129 85	Painting, Printing and Stationery	7 96
For Gospel Workers	47 03	Fares, Changing Heralds, to Camp Meetings, Telegrams, etc.....	109 05
For Foreign Missions in Sunday School	112 54	Fares, Heralds holding Home Mission Meetings	65 70
For Foreign Mission otherwise forwarded.....	67 93	Rents, opening New Missions	24 00
Coll. for Home Mission....	3 00	Donated towards Shamokin Chapel	200 00
Coll. for Donations.....	446 20	Total.....	\$ 788 61
Literature sold in the Mission.....	2042 73	Rec'd from Annual Conference Treas.....\$ 788 61	
Literature sold at Camp-meetings.....	206 04		
Literature Wholesaled to Ministers and other parties.....	2091 77		

W. G. GEHMAN, Pres. and Treas.

Pastor's Statistical Report, from October 1907, to October 1908—BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTOR	For Annual Conference										Total collections		
		For presiding elders	For Missionary presiding elder	For ministers in cash	For ministers in other contributions	For beneficiary fund	For assistants	For Gospel Worker	For tabernacle work	For general missionary work	For camp meetings		For Sunday School Conventions	For annual conference fund	Subscriptions and literature sold	For Annual Con. Del.
Bethlehem	J. C. Roth	\$ 290 00	\$179 80	\$ 761 35	\$ 190 55	\$26 89	\$ 195 33	\$ 170 04	\$148 98	\$11 50	\$11 80	\$871 72	\$ 8 81	\$ 7031 55
Allentown	E. N. Cassel	210 44	631 70	144 60	13 15		71 24	1885 05		8 40	3 75	901 43	6 21	5588 78
Reading	C. H. Brunner	120 25	82 75	440 76	148 81	12 70	60			6 40		855 41	7 50	2922 27
Athol	J. F. Barrall	108	34 45	319 89	175 90	3 50	43 38			1 20	3 70	258 36	2 57	2037 99
Coopersburg			9 50	33 50	4 30		7 47			1 30	5 0	23 25	5 60	1888 66
Springtown	W. S. Hottel	78 91	24 72	279 40	79	3 25	35 66			5 36	1 25	178 99	6 62	1394 22
Spring City			16 75	287 15	62	3	31 07			3 12	2 40	160 29	6 50	1276 06
Royersford	O. S. Hillegass	76 05	16 94	262 45	68 10	4 10	32 50			2 48	3 12	10 75	6 79	1531 39
Zionsville	R. Bergtresser	62 75	12 70	313 65	48 85	2 30	5 50			2 50	2 68	85 33	6 49	1412 78
So. Allentown			49 52	119 75	11 20	53	8 59			2 05	61	32 50	2 01	526 56
Emaus	E. T. Shick	60 46	11 42	305 20	109 78	3 58	20 31			2 25	2 25	59 75	2 25	1161 08
Macungie														
Hereford														
Lehighton	W. J. Freitz	89 50	9 69	141 25	78 46	3 82	12 39			4 00	90	198 75		978 40
Weissport		34	8 11	59 95	22 62	1 30	12 48			3 36	85	24 26		276 63
Quakertown	E. E. Kubic	44 05	11 62	195 85	62 85	4 15	20 67			1 42	2 00	55 32	4 62	803 17
Hatfield		36 50	4 16	66 75	14 92	5 1	6 71				1 65	23 52	1 55	276 39
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	47 57	8 48	96 65	36	1 56	13 08			1 63	1 30	65 63	1 79	710 06
Fleetwood	F. M. Hottel	57 62	10 48	83 28	62 11	1 00	12 52			2 25	65	132 95	1 50	620 73
Blandon		60 50	13 60	131 71	41 69	2 25	12 23			1 75	1 00	167 85	2	687 74
Temps Hill			5 55	57 97	5 35	1 08	6 34			3 84	1 87	24 56		230 18
Rerra														
Gratersville	E. L. Woodring	49 50	7 75	182 48	40	1 75	13 44			5 00	1 75	22	2 50	605 29
Hartleysville		42	11 75	180	60	2	21 91				2 00	35	6	653 16
Total		\$1681 62	\$627 84	\$4925 09	\$1412 13	\$62 98	\$600 14	\$29 33	\$732 05	\$272 73	\$56 48	\$4288 88	\$75 21	\$30756 37

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTOR	For Annual Conference										Total collections		
		For presiding elders	For Missionary presiding elder	For ministers in cash	For ministers in other contributions	For beneficiary fund	For assistants	For Gospel Worker	For tabernacle work	For general missionary work	For camp meetings		For Sunday School Conventions	For annual conference fund	Subscriptions and literature sold	For Annual Con. Del.
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shireman	\$ 109 75	\$2 50	\$491 68	\$ 116 43	\$ 6 80	\$ 97 44	\$ 6 49	\$ 873 14	\$ 11 82	\$ 8 35	\$ 487 57	\$ 11 00	\$ 3160 60
Philadelphia	P. J. Musselman	49 91	9 07	203 80	205 10	1 30	12 57			6 15	3 98	215 25	4 78	1470 47
Nazareth	V. H. Reinhardt	76	8 70	222 45	187 07	4 31	52 49			8 70	1 86	146 68	2 08	1138 75
Plainfield			3 42	52 68	13 65	1 09	10 18			1 35	1 27	18 70	5 22	174 62
Easton	C. W. Stine	52 70	10 30	110 90	255 53	3 20	31 74			5	2 30	151 95	6 22	990 25
Erwinna				4 80										4 80
Walnutport	H. K. Kratz	29 05	4 95	101 10	66 65	1 10	7 42			1 25	1 00	201 45	2 00	900 58
New Tripoli		18 95	2 70	42 45	33 31	60	4 05				50	7 95	40	152 21
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman	847 98												4803 76
Total		\$ 684 04	\$ 71 64	\$1299 76	\$ 877 64	\$18 40	\$195 80	\$ 29 33	\$ 873 14	\$ 34 27	\$18 40	\$5570 29	\$ 26 45	\$12996 12
Grand Total		2265 66	598 98	6154 65	2289 77	111 68	996 03	29 33	3696 12	107 00	74 88	9859 17	101 66	43752 49

Roll and Directory of Ministers

I. Itinerants.

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F.....	1901	1904	1907	Coopersburg, Pa.
Bergstresser, R.....	1901	1904	1908	Gratersford, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.....	1893	1896	1907	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.....	1901	1904	1907	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.....	1898	1900	1908	344 Priscilla St., South Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.....	1896	1899	P.E.	517 North 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.....	1889	1892	1908	Siegfried, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.....	1905		1907	Fleetwood, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.....	1900	1903	1907	Spring City, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.....	1906		1908	Macungie, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.....	1901	1907	1908	Raston, Pa.
Musselman, H. B....	1890	1893	P.E.	103 Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B....	1883	1886	M.P.E.	Cleveland, O.
Musselman, P. J....	1905	1907	1908	Walnutport, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.....	1907		1908	Nazareth, Pa.
Roth, J. C.....	1900	1903	1907	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Shick, E. T.....	1899	1901	1908	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.....	1898	1900	1908	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Stine, C. W.....	1905	1908	1908	Lehighton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L....	1898	1900	1908	Richland Center, Pa.
Zimmerman, W.W....	1899	1901	1908	Zionsville, Pa.

II. Local Preachers. (Ordained.)

Bitting, O.....	1885	1888	Lanark, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.....	1887	1890	Richland Center, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.....	1849	1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.....	1894	1897	Coopersburg, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers.

Kauffman, H. A....	1908
Manney, D. H.....	1908
Parson, C. A.....	1907
Yost, G. F.....	1908

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Dill, W. W... ..	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Ettinger, M. W....	1906	Macungie, Pa.
Frey, F. E.....	1906	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M.....	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Manny, Wm.....	1906	Shamokin, Pa.
Martin, E. W.....	1901	Weaverland, Pa.
Meyer, J. H.....	1893	Vernfield, Pa.

Directory of Foreign Missionaries

(a) CHILE, S. A.

H. L. Weiss, Superintendent, Casilla 49 Valdivia, Chile, S. A.

Dawson, A. E. } Arrived on the field March, 1904. Stationed at
Dawson, Mrs. A. E. } Loncoche.

Feldges, H. W. } Arrived on the field in January, 1904. Stationed
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. } at Temuco.

Gunstadt, Niels } Arrived from Norway in April, 1903. Stationed
Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels } at Ancud, Chiloe Island. (Adopted Aug., 1904.)

Schmiedlin, Joseph } Natives of Chile. Stationed at Puren.
Schmiedlin, Mrs. Joseph } (Adopted, Oct., 1906.)

Weiss, H. L. } Arrived on the field in 1897. In charge of the
Weiss, Mrs. H. L. } work at Valdivia.

Zook, M. P. } Arrived on the field in December, 1905. Stationed
Zook, Mrs. M. P. } at Osorno.

(b) CHINA

Address, Taochow, via Si An, Kansu Prov., China.

Plymire, V. G. Arrived on the field August 10, 1908.

Snyder, C. F. Arrived on the field in 1897.

Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Arrived on the field in 1905.

(c) TURKEY (Armenia)

Lambert, Rose. Arrived on the field in 1898. Address, Hadgin, Turkey,
Asia Minor.

VR.	TIME	PLACE	CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
I EVANGELICAL MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual)				
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa		
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.		
1860	May 28	Upper Milford		
1860	Nov. 6	"		
1861	June 4	"	David Henning	David Gehman
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock		
1864	June 3	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauffer
1862	Nov. 4	Haycock	E. Hershey	
1863	June 2	Upper Milford		David Gehman
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock	William Gehman	"
1864	June 7	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning	"
1865	June 6	Upper Milford		"
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman	"
1866	June 6	Upper Milford		"
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1867	June 4	Flatland	David Henning	"
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly	"
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning	"
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	"
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg	"	"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	Jonas Musselman
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	E. Hershey	"
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman	"
1878	Oct. 7	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger	"
1879	March 22	Upper Milford	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown	"	"

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

1879	**Nov. 8	Upper Milford	S. Eby	S. M. Musselman
1880	March 15	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1881	March 7	Quakertown	"	"
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford	"	"
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman

III. MENNONITE BRETHERN IN CHRIST. (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb. 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allen'own	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."
 **Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Now changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

GENERAL CONFERENCES

TIME	PLACE	DELEGATES FROM PA. CONFERENCE
1879	Zionsville, Pa.....	{ A Union Conference including 16 members of the Pa. Conference.
1882	Elkhart, Ind.....	{ Wm. Gehman John Traub
1883	Harrisburg, O.....	{ (Union Conference) Wm. Gehman A. Strawn
1885	Zionsville, Pa.....	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E. A. Strawn
1888	Berlin, Ont.....	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E. A. Strawn W. B. Musselman
1892	Harrisburg, O.....	{ W. B. Musselman, P. E. Wm. Gehman Noah Detweiler M. A. Zyner
1896	Coopersburg, Pa.....	{ W. B. Musselman, P. E. Wm. Gehman C. H. Brunner
1900	Berlin, Ont.....	{ C. H. Brunner, P. E. H. B. Musselman, P. E. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. Wm. Gehman J. G. Shireman A. A. Wismer
1904	Nappanee, Ind.....	{ H. B. Musselman, P. E. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. C. H. Brunner, M. P. E. W. G. Gehman A. M. Gehman J. D. Moyer
1908	Brown City, Mich.....	{ H. B. Musselman, P. E. W. G. Gehman, P. E. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. J. C. Roth O. B. Bartholomew C. H. Brunner Allen M. Gehman W. S. Hottel

RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

Allentown.....	1888-9	1889-0	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4	1894-5
Bethlehem.....	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Blandon.....	O. Bitting	W. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret
Coopersburg.....	W. B. Musselman	A. B. Gehret	O. S. Hillegass	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. B. Knerr
Emaus.....	O. Bitting	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	L. B. Taylor
Erwinna.....	O. Bitting	O. S. Hillegass	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach
Fleetwood.....	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	C. H. Brunner
Gratersford.....	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	J. E. Fidler	A. B. Gehret	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner
Hatfield.....	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	L. B. Taylor
Hereford.....	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	C. H. Brunner T.	C. H. Brunner T.	H. B. Musselman
Lehighton.....	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	J. E. Fidler
Norristown.....	G. A. Campbell	W. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	A. B. Gehret	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Northampton.....	A. Strawn	G. A. Campbell	J. E. Fidler	A. B. Gehret	M. A. Zyner	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret
Plainfield.....	A. Kauffman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	J. A. Moyer	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner
Quakerstown.....	A. Kauffman	A. Kauffman	A. Strawn	O. S. Hillegass	M. D. Haws	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell
Reading.....	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	O. S. Hillegass	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws
Remps.....	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	C. H. Brunner
Royersford.....	A. Kauffman	A. Kauffman	A. Strawn	A. Strawn	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	J. E. Fidler
Spring City.....	Wm. Heffner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler
Springtown.....	A. Kauffman	A. Kauffman	A. Strawn	A. Strawn	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws
Terre Hill.....	E. H. Flyte	E. H. Flyte	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	Supply	W. C. Betz	W. Steinmetz
Walnutport.....	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	H. B. Musselman
Weissport.....	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	W. C. Betz
Western Pa.....	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	L. B. Taylor
Zionsville.....	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	L. B. Taylor

NOTE—T, Tabernacle Meetings

RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8	1898-9	1899-0	1900-1	1901-2
Allentown.....	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	J. L. Boyer	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	E. T. Shick
Athol.....	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	C. H. Brunner	J. G. Shireman	A. B. Musselman	W. K. Ziegler	E. N. Cassel
Bethlehem.....	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring
Blanton.....	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	C. H. Brunner	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel
Coopersburg.....	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	W. Steinmetz	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser &	L. B. Taylor	E. W. Martin
Emaus.....	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Erwinna.....	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	J. H. Wesley	J. L. Boyer	J. L. Boyer	H. M. Soc.	H. M. Soc.
Fleetwood.....	C. H. Brunner	J. E. Fidler	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	T. E. Clewel
Girardville.....	C. H. Brunner	J. E. Fidler	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell
Gratersford.....	S. B. Knerr	G. A. Campbell	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell
Harleysville.....	S. B. Knerr	G. A. Campbell	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth
Hatfield.....	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler and	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman
Hereford.....	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	F. E. Frey	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman
Lehighton.....	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Macungie.....	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Mt. Carmel.....	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Nazareth.....	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
New Tripoli.....	S. B. Knerr	S. B. Knerr	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	H. B. Musselman	W. G. Gehman	J. G. Shireman
Norristown.....	S. B. Knerr	S. B. Knerr	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler	G. A. Wentz and	W. G. Gehman	J. G. Shireman
Northampton.....	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	W. H. Merrill	W. F. Edmunds	W. S. Hottel
Phillipsburg.....	J. B. Knerr	J. B. Knerr	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	C. M. Layton	C. M. Layton	R. Bergstreser
Plainfield.....	J. B. Knerr	J. B. Knerr	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	H. M. Soc.	H. M. Soc.	W. J. Fretz
Quakertown.....	W. Steinmetz	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	H. M. Soc.	H. M. Soc.	H. M. Soc.
Reading.....	G. A. Campbell	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	G. A. Wentz	W. F. Edmunds	W. S. Hottel
Remps.....	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	W. H. Merrill	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth
Royersford.....	C. H. Brunner	J. E. Fidler	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler
Spring City.....	J. L. Boyer	J. L. Boyer	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	A. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Springtown.....	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz
South Allentown.....	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	E. W. Martin
Terre Hill.....	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	A. M. Clauser	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Walnutport.....	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	J. B. Knerr	C. M. Layton	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Weissport.....	W. C. Betz	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	C. M. Layton	C. M. Layton	R. Bergstreser
Western Pa.....	J. E. Fidler	W. C. Betz	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Zionsville.....	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret and	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman
					F. E. Frey		

RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Concluded)

	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Allentown	E. T. Shick	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth	J. F. Barrall	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel
Athol	W. K. Ziegler	E. T. Shick	W. T. Shick	H. B. Musselman	J. C. Roth	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner
Bethlehem	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth
Blandon	J. G. Shireman	W. J. Fretz	W. Zimmermann	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Coopersburg	E. W. Martin	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall
Emaus	W. Steinmetz	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	H. K. Kratz
Erwinna	G. H. Soc.	C. J. Edwards	C. J. Edwards	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	E. E. Kublic
Fleetwood	J. G. Shireman	W. L. Woodring	W. Zimmermann	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel
Girardville	O. R. Heywood	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	R. L. Woodring	R. Bergstresser
Gratersford	E. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. Bergstresser
Harleysville	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	G. S. Hillegass	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. Bergstresser
Hatfield	J. C. Roth	W. S. Hottel	R. Bergstresser	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. L. Woodring
Hereford	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. K. Kratz
Lehighon	R. D. Dreisbach	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	C. W. Stine
Macungie	J. G. Shireman	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. K. Kratz
Mt. Carmel	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. T. Shick
Nazareth	W. S. Hottel	T. E. Clewell	W. G. Gehman	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	V. H. Reinhart
New Tripoli	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	H. K. Kratz	P. J. Musselman
Norristown	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	G. H. Soc.	C. J. Edwards	G. H. Soc.	H. K. Kratz	G. H. Soc.
Northampton	L. F. Haas	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. Zimmermann	W. Zimmermann	G. H. Soc.	O. S. Hillegass
Philadelphia	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	P. J. Musselman	P. J. Musselman	J. G. Shireman
Phillipsburg, N. J.	G. H. Soc.	C. J. Edwards	C. J. Edwards	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	E. E. Kublic
Plainfield	W. S. Hottel	T. E. Clewell	W. G. Gehman	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	V. H. Reinhart
Quakertown	J. C. Roth	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. L. Woodring
Reading	W. K. Ziegler	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	J. C. Roth	E. E. Kublic	C. H. Brunner
Remps	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	W. Zimmermann	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Royersford	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel
Shamokin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.
Spring City	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel
Springtown	E. W. Martin	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall
Stroudsburg .....	.....	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.
South Allentown	W. Steinmetz	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	W. J. Fretz
Sunbury .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. H. Soc.	G. H. Soc.
Terre Hill	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	W. Zimmermann	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Walnutport	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	H. K. Kratz	P. J. Musselman
Weitsport	R. D. Dreisbach	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	W. J. Fretz	H. K. Kratz	C. W. Stine
Zionsville	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. Zimmermann

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Convention

Bethlehem, Pa., October 7, 1908.

FORENOON SESSION, 9.15 A.M.

The Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa., on October 7th at 9.15 A.M.

The convention was called to order by the Chairman, J. C. Roth, and opened with singing and prayer by Geo. A. Campbell.

The following members were enrolled:

Ministers present : H. B. Musselman, O. S. Hillegass, H. K. Kratz, P. J. Musselman, E. T. Shick, C. W. Stine, W. W. Zimmerman, R. Bergstresser, E. N. Cassel, Geo. A. Campbell, W. S. Hottel, W. G. Gehman, F. M. Hottel, E. E. Kublic, J. C. Roth, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, L. B. Taylor, V. H. Reinhard.

Ministers absent : W. B. Musselman, William Gehman.

Delegates present : M. E. Stickler, J. A. Kern, Allen M. Gehman, S. H. Lichenthaler, O. B. Bartholomew, G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, H. E. Gackenbach, H. L. Musselman, G. Ray Klinger, M. M. Ziegler, J. H. Baus, R. D. Dreisbach, E. R. Hartman.

Delegates absent : G. K. Himmelreich, R. T. Laudenslager, S. S. Geil, John Ziegler.

Advisory members present : C. A. Parson, J. T. Anderson, G. F. Yost, E. F. Richard, D. H. Manney, H. A. Kauffman, G. M. Reinhold.

WHEREAS, The minutes of the last Annual Convention are not here, therefore,

Resolved, That we have the minutes read out of the conference journal, and that the minutes of the last Annual Convention be produced before the close of the Annual Conference and a committee be appointed by this Convention to examine the minutes.

Resolved, That seats to the right and left of the Chair and the first two pews through the church constitute the convention bar.

Resolved, That all Annual Conference members be members of this Convention and all workers present be advisory members.

Resolved, That no one shall be allowed to speak on any subject longer than ten minutes and only once, except by permission of the Chair.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a reporter and a timekeeper. He appointed R. L. Woodring reporter, and G. A. Campbell, timekeeper.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three on publication. He appointed H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring and J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint the committee to examine the minutes of the last Annual Convention. He appointed W. S. Hottel, J. F. Barrall and R. Bergstresser.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee to deal with absent members of this Convention. He appointed W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and H. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That no one shall be allowed to leave the Convention without the permission of the Chair, except H. L. Musselman.

An essay on "Our Home Missionary Work," by W. G. Gehman, was read, discussed and received.

Resolved, That we lift an offering to defray the expenses of this Convention.

Adjourned by prayer by C. H. Brunner and benediction by J. G. Shireman.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 P.M. by singing and prayer by W. G. Gehman, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon session read and approved.

The following committee report was submitted and received:

Committee to deal with the members that are absent from this Convention.

WHEREAS, The brethren, W. B. Musselman and Wm. Gehman, and a few of the delegates are not in attendance at this Convention, and not having learned the cause of their absence, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Convention, are sorry to miss their presence and wise counsel and wish to commend them to the God of all grace who knoweth the hearts of all men, and further,

Resolved, That the Convention is highly pleased to have so many of the Annual Conference Delegates present, and are sorry that not all manifested interest enough to be present and receive the benefits of this Convention.

C. H. Brunner,

H. B. Musselman,

W. G. Gehman, *Committee.*

An essay entitled "The Wide Awake Pastor and his Work," by E. N. Cassel, was read, discussed and received.

Resolved, That we have a message in song by the "Old Quartet." A hymn entitled "I'm Safe When with Jesus," was sung.

Resolved, That we lift a liberal offering for the labor and expenses of the Secretary. The offering amounted to \$5.50. Thanks.

H. Horace Romig, Pastor of Bethany Mission of the United Evangelical Church of Bethlehem, was introduced to the Convention.

An essay entitled "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," by C. H. Brunner, was read, discussed and received.

The following Committee report was submitted and received.

Committee on Publication: We recommend that the essay on "The Wide Awake Pastor and His Work," by E. N. Cassel, be published in the "Gospel Banner," and that the essay on "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," by C. H. Brunner, be published in booklet form (without delay) for judicious distribution.

H. B. Musselman.

R. L. Woodring,

J. G. Shireman, *Committee*.

Resolved, That we hold another Ministerial Convention a day prior to the next Annual Conference and at the same place.

The following officers were elected for the next Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; *Secretary*, J. F. Barrall.

Committee. H. B. Musselman, *Chairman*.

R. L. Woodring,

J. C. Roth, *Secretary*.

Resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Bethlehem Class for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during this Convention.

The questions in the question box were answered by E. T. Shick and H. B. Musselman.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Convention was adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

J. C. Roth, *Chairman*.

E. N. Cassel, *Secretary*.

H. B. Musselman.

J. C. Roth,

E. T. Shick, *Committee*.



